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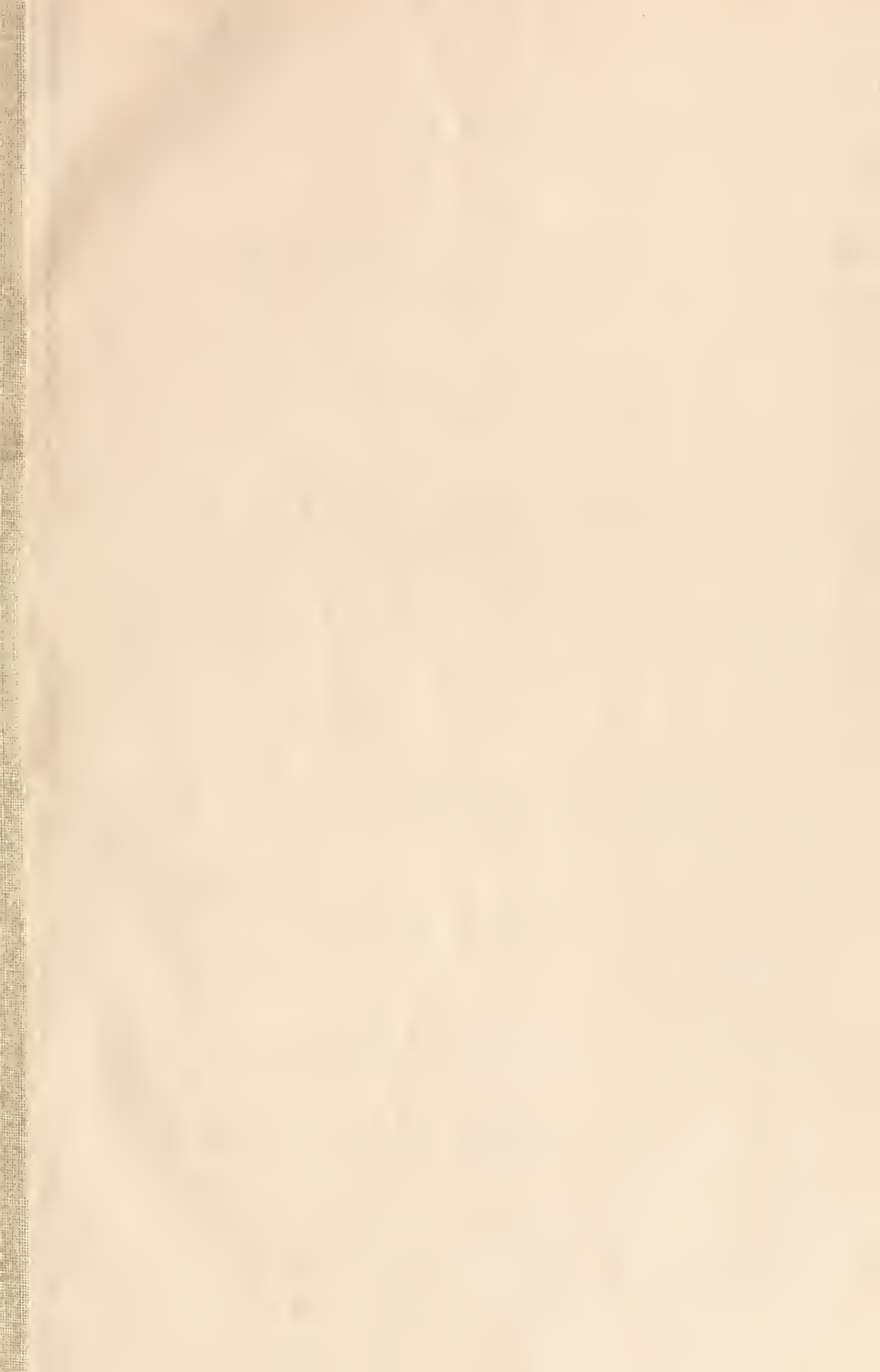
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REPORT [OF THE] PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF
THE CITY OF NEW BERN, N. C.
1924/26

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New Bern, N. C. Board of Education





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REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES, 1925-1926.

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Trustees:

During the past eight years, beginning with 1918-'19, the attendance statistics of the schools of New Bern are as follows:

ENROLLMENT AND ATTENDANCE EIGHT-YEAR PERIOD

	WHITE			COLORED		
	Total En.	H. S.	Av. Att.	Enroll.	Av. Att.	H. S.
1918-'19....	1131	207	921	949	491	
1919-'20....	1256	242	950	1037	571	
1920-'21....	1352	262	1145	1089	692	
1921-'22....	1373	330	1165	1248	764	21
1922-'23....	1439	359	1208	1249	731	37
1923-'24....	1483	379	1226	1223	742	51
1924-'25....	1442	335	1227	1187	790	58
1925-'26....	1452	347	1242	1250	870	75

I call your special attention to the columns showing the average attendance. You will note an increase of 301 pupils in the white school, and 379 in the colored school in the eight-year period. In these columns no decreases appear in the white school. The average daily attendance in the white schools has risen from 921 to 1242, and the colored from 491 to 870. Those who are troubled over the never-ending increase in the cost of the schools should peruse the above table. School boards will never be able to stop enlarging school budgets until the supply of children stops increasing.

In the column showing the enrollment over the eight-year period, you will note a considerable drop in 1924-'25. Many of the schools in eastern North Carolina had reduced enrollments both this year and last. Ours is an agricultural section, and when our crops failed to yield a living our people moved away. The long list of names in our schools files marked "Moved Away" tells the story, and explains fully the decrease after 1923-'24.

But the average attendance improved steadily throughout the eight-year period. And the average is our greatest concern. The fact that our average attendance increased annually, in spite of the decrease in enrollment, shows a healthy state of mind towards education.

Referring again to the above statistics, you will note the steady growth in the colored high school. In 1921 the enrollment was 21 pupils. Last year it was 75 pupils. The courses in the domestic science have had much to do with holding the colored girls in school. Vocational work of some sort would do as much for the boys as it has done for the girls. I hope we shall soon be able to do something in industrial education for the colored boys.

OUR STUDENTS IN COLLEGE

Of the 58 persons who received diplomas and certificates last June, three-fourths will enter the various colleges this fall. For several years past, about three-fourths of our seniors have been entering the colleges. We now have a most creditable number of students in college, and in the main, their reports and records reflect much credit upon themselves and their homes and community.

STATUS OF OUR SCHOOLS.

About the first of July, 1926, the State Department of Education issued its annual list of accredited elementary schools. Ghent, Riverside and the Central schools are continued on the list. The high school has been on the accredited list for many years, as you know.

State School Facts, an official publication of the State Department of Education, ranks the county and town school systems on many different subjects. I am sure you who read the publication have been gratified with the rank of New Bern in the various issues. In general, we rank low in operating costs, high in attendance, high in scholarship of teachers, and in general efficiency. The comparisons ought to be a source of gratification to every citizen of New Bern.

FINANCIAL REPORT

On July 1, 1926, we had an overdraft of \$863.52. In addition, we owe the banks \$4,000.00 for short term notes, making a total deficit of \$4,863.52. This deficit has accumulated over a two-year period. There is more than enough taxes uncollected to offset our indebtedness. I think, therefore, that the Board of Education is to be congratulated on the economical way in which it has financed the schools.

CONCLUSION

The charter of New Bern schools places the immediate control and management in charge of the Board of Education, but the Trustees are in control of the school property, and must provide for major repairs and improvements and establish school policies. The Trustees must provide for the growth and expansion of the school's physical needs as well as the future of the town's school growth.

I desire to remind you as forcefully as I can of three great needs,—needs that rest squarely on your shoulders:

1. Painting and repairing the school buildings, especially the Central school.
2. Improving the appearance of the grounds.
3. Begin now to plan for acquiring a large suitable lot for a modern high school building.

You, and every other citizen of New Bern, know that these needs are imperative. Also that it is our civic duty to make provision for them, and that the responsibility rests largely upon the Trustees.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

July 1, 1924 to July 1, 1925.

RECEIPTS

From County	\$47,988.93	
Federal Funds	405.00	
Local Taxes	40,983.38	
Tuition	461.00	
From Teacherage	396.00	
Refunds, etc.	50.17	
Temporary Loans	7,793.00	
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TOTAL	\$98,077.48	

EXPENDITURES

1. Salaries of Teachers:		
White Elementary	\$29,112.73	
White High School	24,165.07	
Colored Elementary	11,513.00	
Colored High School	5,672.50	
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Total for Teachers.....	\$70,463.30	

2. Administration:		
Clerical	\$	724.50
Treasurer		269.50
Superintendent		3,800.04
Telephones		183.09
Postage and Telegraph.....		36.37
School Nurse		122.15
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Total for Administration.....	\$	5,135.65
3. Operation and Maintenance:		
Fuel, Janitors, Water, Lights....	\$	6,215.53
School Supplies		939.11
Teacherage		500.00
Miscellaneous		91.23
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Total	\$	7,745.87
4. Outlay Payments:		
Repairs	\$	1,219.33
Furniture and Apparatus.....		871.17
Libraries		240.64
Truck		194.98
Laboratory Equipment		655.54
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Total	\$	3,181.66
5. Interest, Sinking Fund, Etc.:		
Interest on Bonds	\$	1,000.00
Sinking Fund		404.00
Interest on Temporary Loans....		180.12
Temporary Loans Repaid.....		10,551.00
Overdraft of July 1, 1924.....		440.59
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Total	\$	12,575.71
6. Grand Total of all Expenditures.....	\$	99,102.19
Receipts		98,077.48
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Deficit	\$	1,024.71

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. HIBBARD,
Secretary-Treasurer.

Auditor's Statement.

The Board of Education of the City of New Bern.

Gentlemen:

As per your request, I have carefully audited the books of

your Treasurer, Mr. A. L. Hibbard, and find them correct, as reflected in his report of June 30, 1925.

Mr. Hibbard is to be commended for the excellent performance of his duties, and especially his earnestness to make improvements to simplify his records and to keep accurate account of all transactions.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. CARPENTER,

July 10, 1925.

Auditor.

NOTE: Prior to September 1, 1925, sufficient back taxes were collected to balance the above deficit.

OUTSTANDING INDEBTEDNESS

The items of indebtedness of the schools on July 1, 1926, are as follows:

I. Bonded Debt for Schools:

1. Issue of 1913	\$ 20,000.00
2. Issue of 1920	150,000.00
3. Issue of 1921	30,000.00

Total Bonded Debt for Schools.....\$200,000.00

The Trustees are responsible for the interest and sinking fund on the issue of 1913. The Board has to the credit of this sinking fund \$5,800.00.

II. All Other Indebtedness:

1. Due State, balance on loan.....	\$ 1,620.00
2. Due Banks on notes.....	5,000.00
3. Deficit July 1, 1926.....	863.52

Total\$ 7,483.52

III. Teacherage:

Due on State Loan of June 30, 1922.....	\$ 2,064.00
City Loan of Sept. 1, 1924.....	20,000.00

Total Teacherage Debt.....\$ 22,064.00

NOTE: Information from the City Tax Collector shows that there is more than enough uncollected tax to pay off all school obligations due July 1, 1926.

FINANCIAL REPORT

July 1, 1925 to July 1, 1926

RECEIPTS

County	\$42,500.00
Federal Funds	405.00
Local Taxes	43,185.08
Tuition	376.08
Teacherage (Refund)	25.00
Temporary Loans	3,257.78
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Total Receipts	\$89,748.94

EXPENDITURES

1. Salaries of Teachers:	
White Elementary	\$30,885.62
White High School	21,484.00
Colored Elementary	12,267.50
Colored High School	5,580.00
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Total for Teachers.....	\$70,217.12
2. Administration:	
Clerical	\$ 339.75
Treasurer	319.50
Superintendent	3,800.00
Telephones and Telegraph.....	245.22
Nurse	225.00
Music, etc.	110.00
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Total for Administration.....	\$ 5,039.47
3. Operation and Maintenance:	
Fuel, Janitors, Water, Lights....	\$ 5,744.23
School Supplies	1,358.58
Insurance	342.28
Miscellaneous	129.34
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Total, Operation and Maintenance.....	\$ 7,574.43
4. Outlay Payments:	
Repairs	\$ 2,017.95
Furniture and Apparatus.....	832.81
Library	189.00
Truck	252.80
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Total Outlay Payments.....	\$ 3,292.56

5. Interest, Sinking Fund, Etc.:	
Interest on Bonds	\$ 1,000.00
Sinking Fund	402.00
Interest on Temporary Loans....	462.17
Temporary Loans Repaid.....	1,600.00
Deficit July 1, 1925.....	1,024.71
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Total	\$ 4,488.88
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6. Total of All Expenditures.....	\$90,612.46
Receipts	89,748.94
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Deficit	\$ 863.52

Auditor's Statement

New Bern, N. C., July 26, 1926.

To the Superintendent of New Bern Graded Schools,
New Bern, N. C.

Dear Sir:

I have carefully audited the books of your treasurer, Mr. A. L. Hibbard, and find them correct as reflected in his annual report of June 30, 1926.

Mr. Hibbard is to be commended for the manner in which he is keeping his records.

Respectfully submitted,
H. J. CARPENTER,
Auditor.

STATEMENT

OF THE RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS OF THE BOOK
FUND OF THE NEW BERN GRADED SCHOOLS,
JULY 1, 1924—JUNE 30, 1925.

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand July 1, 1924.....	\$ 82.31
Collection of Book Fees.....	5,348.38
Sale of Tablets, Pencils, Etc.	288.75
Typewriting Fees	163.65
Fines and Damages	129.18
Borrowed Money and Misc.	1,896.67
Home Economics Fees	108.00
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Total Receipts during year.....	\$ 8,016.94

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid for Tablets, Pencils, Books.....	\$ 4,655.03
Paid for Typewriting Dept.	472.98
Freight, Express, Etc.	137.90
Office Assistance	276.96
Borrowed Money Repaid	2,137.50
Home Economics Dept.	189.97

Total Disbursements during year..... \$ 7,870.34

Total Amount Received during year..... \$ 8,016.94

Total Amount Paid Out during year..... 7,870.34

Balance on hand July 1, 1925..... \$ 146.60

STATEMENT

OF THE RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS OF THE BOOK
FUND OF THE NEW BERN GRADED SCHOOLS,
JULY 1, 1925—JUNE 30, 1926.

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand July 1, 1925.....	\$ 146.60
Collection of Book Fees.....	3,486.74
Sale Tablets, Pencils, Books, Etc.....	1,998.94
Laboratory Fees	240.45
Typewriting Fees	140.00
Fines and Damages	54.30
Home Economics Fees	156.50
Loans and All Other.....	2,732.88

Total Receipts for year..... \$ 8,956.41

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid out Tablets, Pencils, Books, Etc....	\$ 4,690.10
Paid out Typewriting Department.....	150.50
Paid Home Economics Department.....	307.75
Clerical Assistance	924.27
Freight and Express	108.44
Loans and Misc.	2,525.88

Total Disbursements for year..... \$ 8,706.94

Total Amount Received during year..... \$ 8,956.41

Total Amount Paid Out during year..... 8,706.94

Balance on hand July 1, 1926..... \$ 249.47



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